REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This submission accompanies an RCE and serves as a further response to the Final Office Action of August 29, 2006 and the Advisory Action mailed December 5, 2006 issued in connection with the instant application. A Petition for Extension of Time (two months) and the fee therefor are submitted herewith.

Claims 4 and 9-12 have been canceled. Claims 13-27 have been added. No new matter has been added. A copy of the claims indicating the present status of each is included for the convenience of the Examiner.

Favorable consideration of the application and allowance of the instant claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance thereon are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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